INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS, BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2010

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Officials June 30, 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
	Board of Education	
	(Before September 2009 Election)	
Art Ahrens	Board President	2009
David Rixe	Board Member	2009
Jim VonMuenster	Board Member	2009
Brian Timmerman	Board Member	2011
Chad Petersen	Board Member	2011
	(After September 2009 Election)	
David Rixe	Board President	2013
Jim VonMuenster	Board Member	2011
Brian Timmerman	Board Member	2011
Chad Petersen	Board Member	2013
Devin Moeller	Board Member	2013
	School Officials	
John Sauer	Superintendent	2010
Lonna Moeller	District Secretary/Treasuer	Indefinite
Brian Gruhn	Attorney	Indefinite

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education Bennett Community School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District, Bennett, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District officials. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued my report dated February 1, 2011 on my consideration of Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Information and the Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan on pages 4 through 13 and 40 through 42 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Bennett Community School District's basic financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 3, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. I previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the six years ended June 30, 2009 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. In my opinion, the information set forth in the supplementary information for each of the seven years in the period ended June 30, 2010, appearing in Schedule 4, is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements from which it has been derived.

Kay L. Chysman, CA R.

Kay L. Chapman, CPA PC February 1, 2011

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Bennett Community School District provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

2010 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues decreased from \$1,796,136 in fiscal 2009 to \$1,615,019 in fiscal 2010, and General Fund expenditures increased from \$1,874,239 in fiscal 2009 to \$1,879,667 in fiscal 2010. The District's General Fund balance decreased from \$548,793 in fiscal 2009 to \$284,155 in fiscal 2010, a 48% decrease.
- The decrease in General Fund revenues was attributable to a decrease in state and federal grant revenue in fiscal 2010. The increase in expenditures is attributable to a gradual increase in salaries, building and transportation costs. The reason the General Fund balance decreased is because the decrease in revenues was greater than the increase in expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Bennett Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Bennett Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year, as well as presenting the Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental funds.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

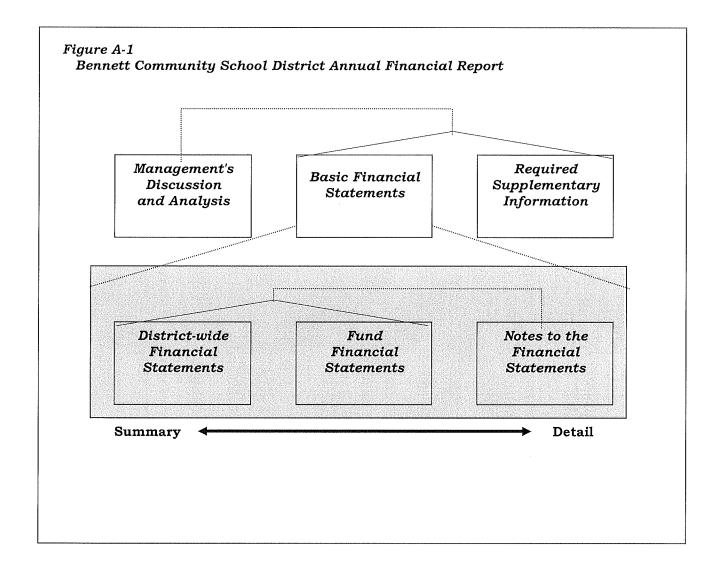


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-2			
Major Features o	of the Government-wide	and Fund Financial	Statements
***************************************	Government-wide	Fund St	atements
	Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Fund
Scope	Entire District	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the District operates similar to private businesses: food services
Required financial statements	 Statement of net assets Statement of activities 	Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	 Statement of net assets Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets Statement of cash flows
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/ Liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/ outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets – the difference between the District's assets and liabilities – are one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator

of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- Governmental activities: Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- Business type activities: The District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

The District has two kinds of funds:

1) Governmental funds: Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

2) Proprietary funds: Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's enterprise funds, one type of proprietary fund, are the same as its business type activities, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. During fiscal 2010, the District had one enterprise fund, the School Nutrition Fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and a statement of cash flows.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Figure A-3 below provides a summary of the District's net assets at June 30, 2010 compared to June 30, 2009.

Figure A-3

Condensed Statement of Net Assets

		Co	ona	ensea -	Sta	tement of N	vet Assets		
	Governme	ntal	F	3usine	ss '	Туре	Total		Total
	Activitie	es		Activ	ritio	es	Distric	et	Change
	<u>2010</u>	2009	20	010		<u>2009</u>	2010	2009	2009-2010
Current and other assets	\$ 304,105 \$	2,751,249	\$	3,351	\$	1,756 \$	307,456 \$	2,753,005	-88.83%
Capital assets	 2,575,678	249,485		3,477		3,743	2,579,155	253,228	918.51%
Total assets	 2,879,783	3,000,734		6,828		5,499	2,886,611	3,006,233	-3.98%
Long-term liabilities	138,753	170,000		_		_	138,753	170,000	-18.38%
Other liabilities	 1,044,562	999,317					1,044,562	999,317	4.53%
Total liabilities	 1,183,315	1,169,317					1,183,315	1,169,317	1.20%
Net assets									
Invested in capital assets	304,105	249,485		3,477		3,743	307,582	253,228	21.46%
Restricted	1,234,525	1,204,048		-			1,234,525	1,204,048	2.53%
Unrestricted	 157,838	377,884		3,351		1,756	161,189	379,640	-57.54%
Total net assets	\$ 1,696,468 \$	1,831,417	\$	6,828	\$	<u>5,499</u> \$	1,703,296 \$	1,836,916	-7.27%

The District's combined net assets decreased by approximately 7%, or \$133,620 from the prior year. The largest portion of the District's net assets is the restricted net assets. One portion of net assets is Invested in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with sources other than capital assets.

Restricted net assets represent resources that are subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. The District's restricted net assets increased \$30,477, or approximately 3% over the prior year. The increase was primarily a result of making no major purchases of buses or vehicles. The District continue to have healthy revenue without having any major expenses, which accounts for the increased balance in the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund and restricted net assets.

Unrestricted net assets – the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements – decreased \$218,451, or approximately 58%. This decrease in unrestricted net assets was a result of general expenses exceeding general revenues throughout the year.

Figure A-4 shows the changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2010 compared to the year ended June 30, 2009.

Figure A-4
Change in Net Assets

	-						
	Governmen	tal Activities	Business Ty	pe Activities	Total D	istrict	Total Change
Revenues	2010	2009	<u>2010</u>	2009	<u>2010</u>	2009	2009-2010
Program revenues							
Charges for service	\$ 49,224	\$ 62,163	\$ 39,022	\$ 26,199	\$ 88,246	\$ 88,362	-0.13%
Operating grants	343,225	316,806	22,127	15,136	365,352	331,942	10.07%
General revenues							
Property tax	1,010,290	944,193	-	-	1,010,290	944,193	7.00%
Statewide sales, services and use tax	129,267	149,361	-	-	129,267	149,361	-13.45%
Unrestricted state grants	350,977	670,082	-	-	350,977	670,082	-47.62%
Contributions and donations	6,402	11,524		-	6,402	11,524	-44.45%
Unrestricted investment earnings	3,579	15,216	-	-	3,579	15,216	-76.48%
Other	26,480	4,853			26.480	4,853	445.64%
Total revenues	1,919,444	2,174,198	61,149	41,335	1,980,593	2,215,533	-10.60%
Program expenses							
Governmental activities							
Instruction	1,452,489	1,400,355	_	*	1,452,489	1,400,355	3.72%
Support services	499,429	496,867	-	-	499,429	496,867	0.52%
Non-instructional programs	910	831	59,810	45,844	60,720	46,675	30.09%
Other expenses	103,983	119,806		**	103,983	119,806	-13.21%
Total expenses	2,056,811	2,017.859	59,810	45,844	2,116,621	2,063,703	2.56%
Gain on sale of capital asset	2,408	-	-	-	2,408		100.00%
Transfers	10	(10)	(10)	10		<u></u>	0.00%
Change in net assets	(134,949)	156,329	1,329	(4,499)	(133,620)	151,830	-188.01%
Net assets, beginning of year	1,831,417	1,675,088	5,499	9,998	1,836,916	1,685,086	9.01%
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,696,468</u>	\$ 1,831,417	\$ 6,828	\$ 5,499	\$ 1,703,296	\$ 1,836,916	-7.27%

In fiscal 2010, property tax and unrestricted state grants account for 71% of the revenue from governmental activities while charges for service and sales and operating grants and contributions account for 100% of the revenue from business type activities.

The District's total revenues were \$1,980,593 of which \$1,919,444 was for governmental activities and \$61,149 was for business type activities.

As shown in Figure A-4, the District as a whole experienced an 11% decrease in revenues and a 3% increase in expenses. Property tax revenues increased \$66,097 to fund expenditures. The increase in expenses related to increases in several different operational areas including instruction, support services and other expenses. There was also a slight increase in expenditures for non-instructional programs.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2010 were \$1,919,444 and expenses were \$2,056,811. The revenue was lower than the previous year due to a large reduction in unrestricted state grants coupled with smaller increases in the other revenue categories. Expenses were slightly higher than the previous year with small increases in instruction, support services and other expenses.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenses, for the year ended June 30, 2010 compared to the year ended June 30, 2009.

Figure A-5

Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Tota	l Cost of Service	es	Net (Cost of Servic	es
			Change			Change
	<u>2010</u>	2009	2009-2010	2010	<u>2009</u>	2009-2010
Instruction	\$ 1,452,489	\$ 1,400,355	3.7%	\$ 1,140,771	\$ 1,099,531	3.8%
Support services	499,429	496,867	0.5%	498,743	495,220	0.7%
Non-instructional programs	910	831	9.5%	910	831	9.5%
Other expenses	103,983	119,806	-13.2%	23,938	43,308	-44.7%
Total expenses	\$ 2,056,811	\$ 2,017,859	1.9%	\$ 1,664,362	\$ 1,638,890	1.6%

For the year ended June 30, 2010:

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$49,224.
- Federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$343,225.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$1,010,290 in property taxes and \$350,977 in unrestricted state grants.

Business Type Activities

Revenues for business type activities during the year ended June 30, 2010 were \$61,149 representing a 32% increase over the prior year and expenses were \$59,810, a 23% increase over the prior year. The District's business type activities consist of the School Nutrition Fund. Revenues of this activity were comprised of charges for service, federal and state reimbursements and investment income.

The increase in revenues from 2009 was due to increased number of lunches and breakfasts served as a result of a slightly lower enrollment.

INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS

As previously noted, Bennett Community School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds, as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,392,658, well below last year's ending fund balances of \$1,628,920. The primary reason for the decrease in combined fund balances in fiscal 2010 is due to increased balances in several of the individual funds as well as reduced expenditures in those same accounts. A higher premium in health insurance costs and a decrease in general operating costs also were factors in the final balance.

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The District's declining General Fund financial position is the result of many factors. Decreased state aid during the year, factored by a generally declining enrollment, and increased spending for general educational expenses, resulted in an decrease in fund balance. Increased transportation costs and health insurance costs resulted in the General Fund decrease being larger than it otherwise would have been.
- The General Fund balance decreased from \$548,793 to \$284,155 due in part to the decrease in revenues and an increase in expenditures.
- The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund balance increased from \$334,796 in 2009 to \$337,467 in 2010, due to controlled expenses in this account. The only major equipment purchase made during the year was a bus.
- The Capital Projects Fund balance increased from \$657,922 in 2009 to \$684,568 in 2010. The primary reason for this increase was that more Local Option Sales, Services and Use Taxes were received than were expended during fiscal 2010.

Proprietary Fund Highlights

Enterprise Fund net assets increased from \$5,499 at June 30, 2009 to \$6,828 at June 30, 2010, representing an increase of approximately 24%. The District had a slight increase in the prices for breakfasts and lunches in 2010. Due to a slight decline in enrollment, less students and faculty were eating the meals. The cost of food and salaries continued to rise.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Bennett Community School District did not amend its annual budget during the year ended June 30, 2010.

The District's revenues were \$441,694 less than budgeted revenues, a variance of approximately 18%. The most significant variance resulted from the District receiving less in state aid than expected.

Total expenditures were \$1,834,316 less than budgeted, due primarily to the District's budget for the General Fund. It is the District's practice to budget expenditures at the maximum authorized spending authority for the General Fund. The District then manages or controls General Fund spending through its line-item budget. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed actual expenditures for the year.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2010, the District had invested \$307,582, net of accumulated depreciation, in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, athletic facilities, computers, audio-visual equipment and transportation equipment. (See Figure A-6) This represents a net increase of approximately 21% over last year. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements. Depreciation expense for the year was \$41,656.

The original cost of the District's capital assets was \$1,685,239. Governmental funds account for \$1,637,712, with the remainder of \$47,527 accounted for in the Proprietary, School Nutrition Fund.

The largest change in capital asset activity during the year occurred in the buildings and improvements category, which increased from \$96,722 in 2009 to \$120,604 in 2010. This increase was a result of a remodeling project, roofing project and door replacement done during the 2010 fiscal year.

Figure A-6

			Capital As	sets, Net	of Depreciati	on	
	Govern	nmental	Busin	ess Type	То	tal	Total
	Acti	vities	Acti	vities	Dis	trict	Change
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2009-2010
Land	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,210	0.00%
Land improvements	17,200	17,200	-	-	17,200	17,200	0.00%
Buildings and improvements	120,604	96,722	-	-	120,604	96,722	24.69%
Furniture and equipment	<u>164,091</u>	133,353	3,477	3,743	<u>167,568</u>	137,096	22.23%
Totals	\$304,105	\$249,485	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,743	\$ 307,582	\$253,228	21.46%

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2010, the District had \$138,753 in total long-term debt outstanding. This represents a decrease of approximately 18% from last year. (See Figure A-7) Additional information about the District's long-term debt is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

The District continues to carry a general obligation bond rating of Aa3 assigned by national rating agencies to the District's debt. The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt districts can issue to 5 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the District. The District's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of approximately \$4 million.

Figure A-7

	_0	utstanding	g Lo	ong-term C)bligations
		To	tal		Total
		Dist	ric	t	Change
		2010		<u>2009</u>	2009-2010
	ф	120.000	ф	170 000	02 520/
General obligation bonds	Ф	130,000	Ф	170,000	-23.53%
Net OPEB liability		8,753		-	100.00%
Total	\$	138,753	\$	170,000	-18.38%

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District has experienced declining enrollment for the last several years. Projections are for it to stabilize or continue to decline gradually. Grades K-6 will be impacted if the decline in enrollment accelerates.
- The District has a three-year whole grade sharing agreement with the Durant School District ending in 2011. Grades 7-12 will be serviced by the Durant School District. The transition has had an economic impact on the District, with payment of 85% of the cost per pupil for those three years coming from the General Fund and 15% of the cost per pupil coming from the LOST fund. Also, the whole grade sharing agreement has initiated a significant number of students to open enroll to a district other than Durant.
- The District will be negotiating a one-year contract with the Bennett Education Association for the 2010-11 school year. Health insurance premiums continue to increase which plays a major role in staff salaries.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lonna Moeller, Board Secretary/Treasurer, Bennett Community School District, PO Box D, 300 Cedar Street, Bennett, Iowa, 52721.

Basic Financial Statements

Exhibit A

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,496,765	\$ 2,577	\$ 1,499,342
Receivables			
Property tax			
Delinquent	13,321	-	13,321
Succeeding year	900,155	-	900,155
Income surtax	94,399		94,399
Accounts receivable	11,928	114	12,042
Due from other governments	59,110	-	59,110
Inventories	-	660	660
Non-depreciable capital assets	19,410	-	19,410
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	284,695	3,477	288,172
Total assets	2,879,783	6,828	2,886,611
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	73,328	-	73,328
Salaries and benefits payable	70,503	-	70,503
Accrued interest payable	576	-	576
Deferred revenue			
Succeeding year property tax	900,155	-	900,155
Long-term liabilities			
Portion due within one year			
General obligation bonds payable	40,000	-	40,000
Portion due after one year			
General obligation bonds payable	90,000	-	90,000
Net OPEB liability	8,753		8,753
Total liabilities	1,183,315	-	1,183,315
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets	304,105	3,477	307,582
Restricted for			
Categorical funding	126,598	-	126,598
Management levy	53,064	-	53,064
Physical plant and equipment levy	337,467	-	337,467
Debt service	25,437	-	25,437
Other special revenue purposes	7,391	-	7,391
Capital projects	684,568	-	684,568
Unrestricted	157,838	3,351	161,189
Total net assets	<u>\$1,696,468</u>	\$ 6,828	\$ 1,703,296

See notes to financial statements.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

			Program Revenues		Net (and Cl	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	nue ssets
			Operating Grants, Contributions	Capital Grants, Contributions			
		Charges	and Restricted	and Restricted	Governmental Business Type	Business Type	
	Expenses	for Services	Interest	Interest	Activities	Activities	Total
Functions/Programs							
Governmental activities							
Instruction							
Regular instruction	\$ 1,257,705	\$ 49,224	\$ 220,031	· S	\$ (988,450)		\$ (988,450)
Special instruction	123,228	ī	42,463	ı	(80,765)	1	(80,765)
Other instruction	71,556	1	ı	1	(71.556)	*	(71,556)
	1,452,489	49,224	262,494	1	(1,140,771)	1	(1,140,771)
Support services							
Student	19,021	J	ı	ŧ	(19,021)	1	(19,021)
Instructional staff	21,281	ı	989	1	(20,595)	ı	(20,595)
Administration	206,843	1	1	ı	(206,843)	1	(206,843)
Operation and maintenance of plant	125,546	ı	1	ı	(125,546)	ı	(125,546)
Transportation	126,738	ı	\$	1	(126,738)	'	(126,738)
	499,429	1	989		(498,743)	1	(498,743)
Non-instructional programs	910	ı	1	1	(910)	\$	(910)
Other expenses							
Facilities acquisition	7,224	1	1	1	(7,224)	ı	(7,224)
Long-term debt interest	9,240	i	1	ı	(9,240)	1	(9,240)
AEA flowthrough	80,045	ı	80,045	1	ı	1	i
Depreciation (unallocated) *	7,474	1	'	ı	(7,474)	1	(7,474)
	103,983	ı	80,045	1	(23,938)	1	(23,938)
Total governmental activities	2,056,811	49,224	343,225	I	(1,664,362)	'	(1,664,362)

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	·		Program Revenues Operating Grants,	Capital Grants,	Net and Cl	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	enue Assets
	Ū	Charges	Contributions and Restricted	Contributions and Restricted	Governmental Business Type	Business Type	
Functions/Programs (continued) Business type activities Non-instructional programs	Samedya	ior services	merest	merest	Activities	Activities	<u>1 0tal</u>
Food service operations Total	\$ 59,810	\$ 39,022 \$ 88,246	\$ 22,127 \$ 365,352	€	\$ (1,664,362)	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,339 (1,663,023)
General Revenues							
Property tax levied for							
General purposes					881,383	ı	881,383
Debt service					49,014	ŧ	49,014
Capital outlay					79,893	1	79,893
Local option sales, services and use tax					129,267	t	129,267
Unrestricted state grants					350,977	1	350,977
Contributions and donations					6,402	ı	6,402
Unrestricted investment earnings					3,579	ı	3,579
Other					26,480	ı	26,480
Special item - gain on sale of capital asset					2,408	ı	2,408
Transfers					10	(10)	1
Total general revenues, special item and transfers					1,529,413	(10)	1,529,403
Change in net assets					(134,949)	1,329	(133,620)
Net assets, beginning of year					1,831,417	5,499	1,836,916
Net assets, end of year					\$ 1,696,468	\$ 6,828	\$ 1,703,296

^{*} This amount excludes the depreciation included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

See notes to financial statements.

Exhibit C

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2010

			Physical		Namoian	
			Plant and Equipment	Capital	Nonmajor Governmenta	1
	(General	Levy	Projects	Funds	Total
Assets	_	JUIUI	LCVY	110/000	<u>r unus</u>	1000
Cash and pooled investments	\$	441,432	\$334,815	\$634,872	\$ 85,646	\$1,496,765
Receivables	ψ	771,732	ψυυπ,στυ	Ψ051,072	ψ 05,010	φ1,170,703
Property tax						
Delinquent		10,814	1,184	_	1,323	13,321
Succeeding year		699,307	80,933	_	119,915	900,155
Accounts receivable		9,658	2,250	_	20	11,928
Income surtax		94,399	کریے _	_	20	94,399
Due from other governments		9,414	-	49,696	_	59,110
Total assets	\$1	,265,024	\$419,182	\$684,568	\$206,904	\$2,575,678
Total assets	==	,200,02				
Liabilities and Fund Balance						
Liabilities			d) = 0.0	4	d)	Ф 70.000
Accounts payable	\$	72,025	\$ 782	\$ -	\$ 521	\$ 73,328
Salaries and benefits payable		70,503	-	-	-	70,503
Deferred revenue						
Succeeding year property tax		699,307	80,933	-	119,915	900,155
Income surtax		94,399	-	-	_	94,399
Federal grants		44,635	-		100 106	44,635
Total liabilities		980,869	81,715		120,436	1,183,020
Fund balance						
Reserved for						
Categorical funding		126,598	-	₩	-	126,598
Debt service		-	-	-	26,013	26,013
Unreserved, governmental funds		157,557		684,568	- 455	842,125
Unreserved, special revenue funds		-	337,467		60,455	397,922
Total fund balance	<u></u>	284,155	337,467	684,568	86,468	1,392,658
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$1	,265,024	<u>\$419,182</u>	\$684,568	\$206,904	\$2,575,678

Exhibit D

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2010

Total fund balances of governmental funds

\$1,392,658

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.

304,105

Other long-term assets are not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.

139,034

Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.

(576)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and other postemployment benefits, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.

(138,753)

Net assets of governmental activities

\$1,696,468

Exhibit E

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Special			
		Revenue			
		Physical			
		Plant and		Nonmajor	
		Equipment	Capital	Government	al
Revenues	<u>General</u>	Levy	Projects	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local sources					
Local tax	\$ 850,373	\$ 79,893	\$129,267	\$ 74,255	\$1,133,788
Tuition	27,730	-	-	-	27,730
Other	54,142	2,899	1,091	4,157	62,289
State sources	537,167	-	-	_	537,167
Federal sources	145,607		_	***	145,607
Total revenues	1,615,019	82,792	130,358	78,412	1,906,581
Expenditures					
Current					
Instruction					
Regular	1,174,978	-	67,702	1,532	1,244,212
Special	122,717	-	-	-	122,717
Other	66,220		-	5,039	71,259
	1,363,915	_	67,702	6,571	1,438,188
Support services					
Student	18,866	-	-	-	18,866
Instructional staff	21,212	-	-	-	21,212
Administration	191,149	8,794	-	5,372	205,315
Operation & maintenance	103,464	2,535	1,822	11,404	119,225
Transportation	101,016	68,384		5,681	175,081
	435,707	79,713	1,822	22,457	539,699
Non-instructional programs				910	910
Other expenditures					
Facilities acquisition	-	408	34,188	-	34,596
Long-term debt					
Principal	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	9,415	9,415
AEA flowthrough	80,045			40.41.5	80,045
	80,045	408	34,188	49,415	164,056
Total expenditures	1,879,667	80,121	103,712	79,353	2,142,853

Exhibit E

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Special			
		Revenue			
		Physical	•		
		Plant and		Nonmajor	
		Equipment	Capital	Government	al
	<u>General</u>	<u>Levy</u>	Projects	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$(264,648)	\$ 2,671	\$ 26,646	\$ (941)	\$ (236,272)
Other financing source Interfund operating transfers in	10	_		-	10
Net change in fund balances Fund balance, beginning of year	(264,638) 548,793	2,671 334,796	26,646 657,922	(941) 87,409	(236,262) 1,628,920
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 284,155	\$337,467	\$684,568	<u>\$ 86,468</u>	\$1,392,658

Exhibit F

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$(236,262)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, those costs are not reported in the Statement of Activities and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. Capital outlay expenditures and depreciation expense are as follows:

depreciation expense are as follows:		
Expenditures for capital assets Depreciation expense	\$ 95,756 (41,136)	54,620
	(+1,130)	34,020
Certain revenues not collected for several months after year-end are not		
considered available revenue and are deferred in the governmental fund	ls.	15,271
Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the		
governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.		40.000
in the Statement of 140t / 1850ts.		40,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the		
of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expending governmental funds, as follows:	itures	
Other postemployment benefits		(8,753)
Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the	ɔ ;	
amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded		
expenditure in the funds when due. In the Statement of Activities, inter	est	

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$(134,949)

175

expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Fund June 30, 2010

Exhibit G

	<u>Nonmajor</u>
	School
	<u>Nutrition</u>
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 2,577
Accounts receivable	114
Inventories	660
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,477
Total assets	6,828
Liabilities	-
Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets	3,477
Unrestricted	3,351
Total net assets	\$ 6,828

Exhibit H

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Operating revenue	<u>Nonmajor</u> School <u>Nutrition</u>
Local sources Charges for service	\$39,022
Operating expenses	
Non-instructional programs Food service operations	
Salaries and benefits Benefits Purchased services Supplies Depreciation	18,844 2,745 827 36,874 520
Total operating expenses	59,810
Operating loss	(20,788)
Non-operating revenues State sources Federal sources Total non-operating revenues	499 21,628 22,127
Net income before operating transfers out Interfund operating transfers out	1,339 (10)
Net income Net assets, beginning of year	1,329
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 6,828</u>

Exhibit I

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Nonmajor
	School
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>Nutrition</u>
Cash received from sale of services	\$ 38,654
Cash payments to employees for services	(21,589)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(33,249)
Net cash used in operating activities	(16,184)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities	
Operating transfers to other fund	(10)
State grants received	499
Federal grants received	18,268
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	18,757
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Cash flows from investing activities	***************************************
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,573
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,577
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash	
used in operating activities	
Operating loss	\$(20,788)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to	
net cash used in operating activities	
Depreciation	520
Commodities used	3,360
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(114)
Decrease in inventory	838
Net cash used in operating activities .	<u>\$(16,184)</u>

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities

During the year ended June 30, 2010 the District received \$3,360 of federal commodities.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2010

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Bennett Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve. The geographic area served includes the City of Bennett, Iowa, and the agricultural territory in Cedar and Scott Counties. The District is governed by a Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Bennett Community School District has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. The Bennett Community School District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

<u>Jointly Governed Organizations</u> - The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the County Assessor's Conference Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other nonmajor governmental funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other revenues that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

The Special Revenue, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund is used to account for all resources from the regular and voter-approved levy used for major expenditures related to real property and equipment.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities.

The District reports no major proprietary funds. However, it reports one nonmajor proprietary fund, the School Nutrition Fund, which is used to account for the food service operations of the District.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the

timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt and claims and judgments are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then general revenues.

The proprietary fund of the District applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the District are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

<u>Cash</u>, <u>Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents</u> - The cash balances of most District funds are pooled and invested. Investments are stated at fair value, except for the investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust, which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the day of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

<u>Property Tax Receivable</u> - Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date that the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current year and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget in April of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½ % per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2008 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2009.

<u>Due From Other Governments</u> - Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

<u>Inventories</u> - Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives

are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	<u>Amount</u>
Land	\$2,500
Buildings	\$ 2,500
Improvements other than buildings	\$ 2,500
Intangibles	\$25,000
Furniture and equipment:	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	\$ 500
Other furniture and equipment	\$ 2,500

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	50 years
Improvements to buildings	20-50 years
Intangibles	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	4-12 years

<u>Salaries and Benefits Payable</u> - Payroll and related expenses for teachers with annual contracts corresponding to the current school year, which are payable in July and August, have been accrued as liabilities.

<u>Deferred Revenue</u> - Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represents the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of unspent federal grant proceeds as well as property tax and income surtax receivables not collected within sixty days after year end.

Deferred revenue on the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

<u>Long-term Liabilities</u> - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Assets.

<u>Fund Balance</u> - In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

<u>Net Assets</u> - Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balance of any bonds, mortgages, notes,

or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets consist of net assets with constraints placed on the use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$390,531 of restricted net assets which is restricted by enabling legislation.

E. Budgeting and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information.

Note 2. Cash and Pooled Investments

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2010 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2010, the District had investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust Diversified Portfolio which are valued at an amortized cost of \$1,144,788 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Credit risk. The investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust were rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service.

Note 3. Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2010 is as follows:

<u>Transfer from</u>	Transfer to	Amount
Non-major enterprise	General	
School nutrition		\$10

The transfer from the School Nutrition Fund to the General Fund was to correct a coding error.

Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2010 was as follows:

Governmental activities Capital assets not being depreciated:	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance, End of <u>Year</u>
Land	\$ 2,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,210
Land improvement	17,200	Ψ	Ψ	17,200
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	19,410	-		19,410
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	774,413	27,372	-	801,785
Furniture and equipment	748,133	68,384	-	<u>816,517</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,522,546	95,756		1,618,302
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	677,691	3,490	-	681,181
Furniture and equipment	614,780	37,646		652,426
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,292,471</u>	41,136		1,333,607
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	230,075	54,620		284,695
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 249,485</u>	\$ 54,620	\$ -	\$ 304,105
Business type activities				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 47,527	\$ -	\$ -	47,527
Less accumulated depreciation	43,530	520		44,050
Business type activities capital assets, net	\$ 3,997	\$ (520)	\$ -	\$ 3,477

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities

Governmental activities		
Instruction		
Regular	\$	8,312
Support services		
Operation and maintenance of plant		5,901
Transportation		19,449
		33,662
Unallocated depreciation		7,474
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ 4	<u>41,136</u>
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Business type activities	
Food services	<u>\$ 520</u>

Note 5. Long-term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2010 are summarized as follows:

	Balance,			Balance,	Due
	Beginning			End	Within
	of Year	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	of Year	One Year
Governmental activities					
General obligation bonds	\$ 170,000	\$ -	\$ (40,000)	\$ 130,000	\$ 40,000
Net OPEB liability		8,753		8,753	
Totals	<u>\$ 170,000</u>	\$ 8,753	\$ (40,000)	\$ 138,753	\$ 40,000

Interest costs incurred and charged to expense on all long-term debt was \$9,240 for the year ended June 30, 2010. During the year ended June 30, 2010, the District made principal payments on total long-term debt of \$40,000.

General Obligation Bonds

Details of the District's June 30, 2010 general obligation bonded indebtedness are as follows:

Year	Bond issue of July 1, 1997					
Ending	Interest		***************************************			
<u>June 30,</u>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Principal Principal	<u>Total</u>		
2011	5.25	\$ 6,915	\$ 40,000	\$ 46,915		
2012	5.30	4,815	45,000	49,815		
2013	5.40	2,430	45,000	47,430		
Totals		<u>\$ 14,160</u>	<u>\$ 130,000</u>	<u>\$ 144,160</u>		

Note 6. Pension and Retirement Benefits

The District contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA, 50306-9117.

Plan members were required to contribute 4.30%, 4.10 % and 3.90% of their annual covered salary and the District was required to contribute 6.65%, 6.35% and 6.05% of annual covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 respectively. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The District's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$45,793, \$41,189 and \$37,799, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 7. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 45, <u>Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits other Than Pensions</u> during the year ended June 30, 2010.

<u>Plan Description</u> - The District operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for retirees and their spouses. There are 25 active members, of which 13 waived coverage and no retired members in the plan. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan with Principal Financial. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefit as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

<u>Funding Policy</u> - The contribution requirements of the plan members are established and may be amended by the District. The District pays for all of active full-time employees' coverage and a portion of the coverage for active members who are not full-time. Retired participants are assumed to pay 100% of the required premium. The District currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation - The District's annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the District, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding which, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year ended June 30, 2010, the amount actually contributed to the plan and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$	8,753
Interest on net OPEB obligation		••
Adjustment to annual required contribution		***
Annual OPEB cost		8,753
Contributions made		-
Increase in net OPEB obligation		8,753
Net OPEB obligation beginning of year		_
Net OPEB obligation end of year	\$_	8,753

For calculation of the net OPEB obligation, the actuary has set the transition day as July 1, 2009. The end of year net OPEB obligation was calculated by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the actuarially determined funding requirements and the actual contributions for the year ended June 30, 2010.

For the year ended June 30, 2010, the District contributed nothing to the medical plan. Plan members eligible for benefits contributed nothing of the premium costs for the OPEB obligation.

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation as of June 30, 2010 are summarized as follows:

		Percentage of	Net
Year	Annual	Annual OPEB	OPEB
Ended	OPEB Cost	Cost Contributed	Obligation
06/30/10	\$8,753	0.0%	\$8,753

<u>Funded Status and Funding Progress</u> – As of July 1, 2009, the most recent actuarial valuation date for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the actuarial accrued liability was \$75,018, with no actuarial value of assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$75,018. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was approximately \$707,896 and the ratio of UAAL to covered payroll was 11%. As of June 30, 2010, there were no trust fund assets.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the health care cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as Required Supplementary Information in the section following the Notes to Financial Statements, will present multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

As of July 1, 2009 actuarial valuation date, the frozen entry age actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 2.5% discount rate based on the District's funding policy. The projected annual medical trend rate is 6%. The ultimate medical trend rate is 6%.

Mortality rates are from the 94 Group Annuity Mortality Table, applied on a gender-specific basis. Annual retirement and termination probabilities were developed from the retirement probabilities from the IPERS Actuarial Report as of June 30, 2007 and applying the termination factors used in the IPERS Actuarial Report as of June 30, 2007.

Projected claim costs of the medical plan are \$377.71 for single and \$1,069.72 for family. Upon retirement, the retired participant is assumed to pay 100% of the required premium. The salary increase rate was assumed to be 3% per year. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll expense on an open basis over 30 years.

Note 8. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The District assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9. Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media, and educational services provided through the area education agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$80,045 for the year ended June 30, 2010 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the cash basis financial statements.

Note 10. Whole-grade Sharing Agreement

In July 2005 the Bennett Community School District entered into a whole-grade sharing agreement with Durant Community School District whereby the District began sending their students in grades 7-12 to Durant Community School District for instruction beginning in fiscal 2006. After June 30, 2005, the Bennett Community School District no longer provided instruction within their district for middle school and high school students. Bennett Community School District receives funding from the State of Iowa for these students, who continue to be counted on the District's certified enrollment. In turn, the District pays tuition for these students to Durant Community School District based upon the amount stated in the whole-grade sharing agreement.

Note 11. Contingencies

Grant Funding - The District participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants were subjected to local audit but still remain open to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed by the grantor government due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2010, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by granting authorities but the District believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

Note 12. New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

The District implemented the following statements during the year ended June 30, 2010:

- GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This Statement establishes standards for the measurement, recognition and display of other postemployment benefits expenses and related liabilities or assets, note disclosures and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial reports. The effect of the adoption of this Statement to the District was to record a liability of \$8,753 for the net other postemployment benefit obligation. The actuarial accrued liability is estimated by an actuary to be \$75,018.
- GASB Statement No. 51, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets. This Statement provides guidance regarding how to identify, account for, and report intangible assets. The new standard characterizes an intangible asset an asset that lacks physical substance, is nonfinancial in nature, and has an initial useful life extending beyond a single reporting period. Examples of intangible assets include easements, computer software, water rights, timber rights, patents and trademarks. This standard provides that intangible assets be classified as capital assets (except for those explicitly excluded from the scope of the new standard, such as capital leases). Relevant authoritative guidance for capital assets should be applied to these intangible assets. This Statement had no effect to the District since the District had no intangible assets to be reported as of June 30, 2010.
- GASB Statement No. 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments. This Statement will improve how state and local governments report information about derivative instruments in their financial statements. The Statement specifically requires governments to measure most derivative instruments at fair value in their financial statements that are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The guidance in the Statement also addresses hedge accounting requirements. This Statement had no effect to the District. Furthermore, Iowa Code Chapter 128.10 does not authorize districts to invest in derivative instruments.
- GASB Statement No. 58 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Chapter 9 Bankruptcies. This Statement provides guidance for governments that have petitioned for protection from creditors by filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United Stated Bankruptcy Code. It establishes requirements for recognizing and measuring the effects of the bankruptcy process on assets and liabilities, and for classifying changes in those items and related costs. The adoption of this statement had no effect to the District.

As of June 30, 2010, the GASB had issued several Statements not yet implemented by the District. The Statements which might impact the District are as follows:

- GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. Issued March 2009, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2011. This Statement is intended to improve the usefulness of information provided to financial report users about fund balances by providing clearer, more structured fund balance clarifications,. And by clarifying the definitions of existing governmental fund types. Fund balance information is among the most widely and frequently used information in state and local government financial reports. The GASB developed this standard to address the diversity of practice and the resulting lack of consistency that had evolved in fund balance reporting. To reduce confusion, the new standard establishes a hierarchy of fund balance classification based primarily on the extent to which government is bound to observe spending constraints.
- GASB Statement No. 57 OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 43 and No. 45, issued January 2010, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2012. This Statement addresses issues related to measurement of OPEB obligations by certain employers participating in agent multiple-employer OPEB plans.
- GASB Statement No. 59, Financial Instruments Omnibus, issued June 2010, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2011. This Statement is intended to update and improve existing standards regarding financial reporting of certain financial instruments and external investments pools. Specifically, this Statement provides financial reporting guidance by emphasizing the applicability of SEC requirements to certain external investments pool, addressing the applicability of GASB 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments, and applying the reporting provisions for interest-earning investment contracts of GASB 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investments Pools.

The District's management has not yet determined the effect these Statements will have on the District's financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures/Expenses and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual

All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Fund

Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Fund	Total	Budgeted	Budgeted Amounts	Final to Actual
Revenues	Actual	Actual	<u>Actual</u>	Original	Final	Variance
Local sources	\$ 1,223,807	\$ 39,022	\$1,262,829	\$1,339,405	\$1,339,405	\$ (76,576)
State sources	537,167	499	537,666	921,019	921,019	(383,353)
Federal sources	145,607	21,628	167,235	149,000	149,000	18,235
Total revenues	1,906,581	61,149	1,967,730	2,409,424	2,409,424	(441,694)
Expenditures/Expenses						
Instruction	1,438,188	1	1,438,188	1,845,154	1,845,154	406,966
Support services	539,699	ı	539,699	1,050,500	1,050,500	510,801
Non-instructional programs	910	59,810	60,720	74,348	74,348	13,628
Other expenditures	164,056	1	164,056	1,066,977	1,066,977	902,921
Total expenditures/expenses	2,142,853	59,810	2,202,663	4,036,979	4,036,979	1,834,316
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures/expenses Net other financing sources (uses)	(236,272)	1,339	(234,933)	(1,627,555)	(1,627,555)	1,392,622
Net change in fund balance	(236,262)	1,329	(234,933)	(1,627,555)	(1,627,555)	1,392,622
Balance, beginning of year	1,628,920	5,499	1,634,419	1,771,701	•	(137,282)
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,392,658	\$ 6,828	\$1,399,486	\$ 144,146	\$ 144,146	\$1,255,340

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on the GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures/expenses known as functions, not by fund. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula. During the year, the District did not adopt any budget amendments.

Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended	Actuarial Valuation	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30,	Date	<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b)</u>	<u>(b-a)</u>	<u>(a/b)</u>	<u>(c)</u>	((b-a)/c)
2010	July 1, 2009	\$ -	\$ 75,018	\$ 75,018	\$ -	\$ 707,896	10.6%

See Note 7 in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements for the plan description, funding policy, annual OPEB cost, net OPEB obligation, funded status and funding progress.

Other Supplementary Information

Schedule 1

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds June 30, 2010

	Specia	l Revenue		
	Student	Management	Debt	
	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets				
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 7,892	\$ 52,455	\$25,299	\$ 85,646
Receivables		•		
Property tax				
Delinquent	***	609	714	1,323
Succeeding year	-	75,000	44,915	119,915
Accounts receivable	20			20
Total assets	\$ 7,912	<u>\$128,064</u>	<u>\$70,928</u>	<u>\$206,904</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 521
Deferred revenue				
Succeeding year property tax) bed	75,000	44,915	119,915
Total liabilities	521	<u>75,000</u>	44,915	120,436
Fund balances				
Reserved for debt service	-	_	26,013	26,013
Unreserved fund balances	7,391	53,064	, - 	60,455
Total fund balances	7,391	53,064	26,013	86,468
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 7,912	\$128,064	\$70,928	\$206,904

Schedule 2

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Revenue		
	Student	Management	Debt	
Revenues	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local sources				
Local taxes	\$ -	\$25,241	\$49,014	\$74,255
Other	_3,530	480	147	4,157
Total revenues	3,530	25,721	49,161	78,412
Expenditures				
Current				
Instruction				
Regular	_	1,532		1,532
Other	_5,039			5,039
Total instruction	_5,039	1,532	-	6,571
Support services				
Administration	_	5,372	_	5,372
Operation and maintenance of plant	_	11,404	_	11,404
Transportation	-	5,681	_	5,681
Total support services		22,457	-	22,457
Non-instructional programs	-	910	-	910
Other expenditures				***************************************
Long-term debt				
Principal	_	_	40,000	40,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	_	9,415	9,415
Total other expenditures	_		49,415	49,415
Total expenditures	5,039	24,899	49,415	79,353
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
(under) expenditures	(1,509)	822	(254)	(941)
Fund balances, beginning of year	8,900	52,242	26,267	87,409
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 7,391	\$53,064	\$26,013	\$86,468

Schedule 3

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Changes in Special Revenue Fund, Student Activity Accounts

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Balance, Beginning			Balance, End of
	of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	
Account			-	
Yearbook	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,280	\$1,320
Band	173	-	-	173
Vocal	434	743	743	434
Swimming	230		-	230
Alumni	328	_	-	328
Student council	4,837	1,764	3,016	3,585
Drama	860	_	-	860
Music supplies	310	-	-	310
Interest	128	23		151
Totals	\$ 8,900	\$ 3,530	\$ 5,039	\$ 7,391

DISTRICT Schedule 4

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function All Governmental Funds For the Last SevenYears

	Modified Accrual Basis						
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	2005	2004
Revenues							
Local sources							
Local tax	\$1,133,788	\$1,071,909	\$1,079,748	\$1,139,265	\$1,100,314	\$1,176,943	\$1,128,645
Tuition	27,730	26,665	25,640	35,397	18,964	34,395	22,785
Other	62,289	86,428	113,181	102,757	122,711	124,322	171,469
State sources	537,167	882,724	949,175	854,228	826,719	795,556	764,824
Federal sources	145,607	49,692	29,501	42,307	61,108	76,471	90,988
Total revenues	\$1,906,581	<u>\$2,117,418</u>	\$2,197,245	\$2,173,954	\$2,129,816	\$2,207,687	\$2,178,711
Expenditures							
Current							
Instruction							
Regular	\$1,244,212	\$1,217,833	\$1,151,235	\$1,124,226	\$1,129,230	\$1,061,298	\$1,030,869
Special	122,717	111,420	163,629	196,736	169,487	218,180	225,327
Other	71,259	61,015	54,293	43,174	90,744	217,229	211,075
Support services			•	,	,	.,	
Student	18,866	9,699	9,665	6,325	5,597	27,540	20,708
Instructional staff	21,212	26,726	39,423	20,219	19,845	12,104	3,967
Administration	205,315	214,061	186,590	175,622	220,663	323,714	297,488
Operation and maintenance of plant	119,225	143,055	145,872	122,963	118,335	127,609	171,709
Transportation	175,081	79,249	99,952	78,215	131,348	107,282	92,746
Central support	-	-	, -	_	-		12,171
Non-instructional programs	910	831	748	158	_		,
Other expenditures							
Facilities acquisition	34,596	63,687	27,335	29,964	37,693	35,027	25,672
Long-term debt						ŕ	•
Principal	40,000	40,000	35,000	35,000	30,000	30,000	108,221
Interest and other charges	9,415	11,515	13,352	15,190	16,765	18,340	23,433
AEA flowthrough	80,045	76,498	75,096	71,569	68,747	68,327	69,596
Total expenditures	<u>\$2,142,853</u>	<u>\$2,055,589</u>	\$2,002,190	<u>\$1,919,361</u>	\$2,038,454	\$2,246,650	\$2,292,982

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Education Bennett Community School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued my report thereon dated February 1, 2011. I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the effectiveness of Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting I consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. I consider the deficiencies in internal

control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items A, B, C and D to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bennett Community School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2010 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during my audit of the financial statements of the District. Since my audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Bennett Community School District's responses to findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While I have expressed my conclusions on the District's responses, I did not audit Bennett Community School District's responses and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Bennett Community School District and other parties to whom Bennett Community School District may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by the personnel of the Bennett Community School District during the course of my audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Kay S. Chysman, CA R

Kay L. Chapman, CPA PC February 1, 2011

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Part I. Findings Related to the Financial Statements

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

No matters were reported.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

A. Segregation of Duties - The limited number of accounting personnel makes it difficult to achieve adequate internal accounting control through the segregation of duties and responsibilities. I noted that the same individual performed the following duties: recording and processing cash receipts, preparing checks and bank reconciliations, preparation of journals and general financial information for ledger posting, and the analysis of financial information. A small staff makes it difficult to establish an ideal system of automatic internal checks on accounting record accuracy and reliability, although I noted the District had taken steps to segregate duties between the present personnel. This is not an unusual condition but it is important the District officials are aware that the condition exists.

Recommendation - I realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the District should review the operating procedures of the District to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will review our procedures and implement changes to improve internal control, as we deem necessary.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

B. Financial Statement Preparation - Financial statement preparation is the responsibility of the District. At the present time, District personnel do not have the skills necessary to prepare the District's financial statements and related note disclosures in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This is not an unusual situation for small governmental entities.

Recommendation - The business manager should consider obtaining additional GAAP training through reading relevant accounting literature and/or attending professional education courses. Since GAAP reporting and disclosures change constantly, the business manager should consider taking training annually to stay up-to-date on GAAP reporting and disclosure requirements. The District should also obtain current governmental accounting, reporting and disclosure reference materials and update them as new pronouncements become effective.

Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Response - We believe that the business manager has sufficient knowledge to perform her daily duties and take responsibility for the annual financial statements and footnote disclosure in compliance with GAAP, as prepared by the auditor. We certainly understand the need for continuing education classes for all of our staff, including the business manager. However, we have a limited budget and must continually prioritize needs. We will investigate alternatives, but believe that it would not be an efficient use of District funds to get and maintain the necessary training for the business manager to comply with this recommendation. Nor do we consider hiring additional staff possessing these skills to be a feasible option.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

C. Material Misstatement not Detected - During the course of my audit, I discovered material misstatements on the District's Certified Annual Report (CAR) that were not detected by the District's internal controls. Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund property tax receivables deferred revenues were overstated by \$24,359 and the Longterm Assets Governmental Account Group was understated by \$133,004. These misstatements will result in a correction to the beginning balances of the funds and account group affected on next year's CAR.

Recommendation - An effective system of internal control should detect material misstatements in the District's financial records and financial reporting. The District should review their control procedures and make appropriate changes to improve their internal controls to help eliminate this deficiency.

Response - We feel that our business manager has the knowledge needed to adequately perform her duties. The superintendent reviews some, but not all of the work performed and reports prepared by the business manager. We would like to hire additional office personnel to help with the business manager's workload and to provide more oversight and cross-checking of her work. However, with a limited budget, it is difficult to hire enough adequately-trained office personnel to review each other's work. We will review our procedures and consider making changes we deem necessary.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

D. Signature Stamp - The District uses a signature stamp for the Board President on checks and other documents. This stamp is maintained and used by the Board Secretary.

Recommendation - The use of a signature stamp does not necessarily result in a deficiency in controls. However, it should be maintained and used by the person whose signature it bears. The use of the Board President's signature stamp by the Board Secretary overrides the requirement for dual signatures on District checks and creates a deficiency in controls.

Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Response - We will investigate alternatives to our current procedure to correct this control deficiency.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Part II. Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- 1. Certified Budget Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2010 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- 2. Questionable Expenditures I noted no expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- 3. Travel Expense No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted.
- 4. Business Transactions No business transactions between the District and District officials or employees were noted.
- 5. Bond Coverage Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 6. Board Minutes I noted no transactions requiring Board approval, which had not been approved by the Board.
- 7. Certified Enrollment No variances in the basic enrollment data certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
- 8. Supplementary Weighting No variances regarding the supplementary weighting certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
- 9. Deposits and Investments I noted no instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the District's investment policy.
- 10. Certified Annual Reports The Certified Annual Report was filed with the Department of Education timely; however, a few significant deficiencies in the amounts reported were detected.

Recommendation - The District should adjust the beginning balances on next year's Certified Annual Report to correct these misstatements.

Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

Response - We will adjust the beginning balances on our CAR for the year ending June 30, 2011, as recommended.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- 11. Categorical Funding No instances were noted of categorical funding used to supplant rather than supplement other funds.
- 12. Statewide Sales and Services Tax No instances of non-compliance with the use of the statewide sales and services tax revenue provisions of Chapter 423F.3 of the Code of Iowa were noted.

Pursuant to Chapter 423F.5 of the Code of Iowa, the annual audit is required to include certain reporting elements related to the statewide sales and services tax. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the District's financial activity and other required information for the statewide sales and services tax are as follows:

Beginning balance		\$ 657,922
Revenues		
Statewide sales, services and use tax	\$ 129,267	
Interest earned	1,091	130,358
Expenditures/transfers out		
Whole-grade sharing agreement	\$ (64,659)	
School infrastructure		
Building and site improvements	(34,188)	
Equipment	(4,865)	(103,712)
Ending balance		<u>\$ 684,568</u>

The statewide sales, services and use tax revenue received during the year ended June 30, 2010 is equivalent to a reduction in the following levy:

	Per \$1,000	Property
	of Taxable	Tax
	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Physical plant and equipment levy	\$ 1.61836	\$ 129,267

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Audit Staff June 30, 2010

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